

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the present title with the following amended title:

**INPUT UNIT SWITCH WITH DISPLAY AND IMAGE CAPTURING APPARATUS
USING THE SAME**

Please replace the last paragraph on page 23 continuing onto page 24 with the following amended paragraph:

Figs. 3A and 3B ~~illustrates~~ illustrate an exemplary structure of the input unit 116 in the present embodiment. Fig. 3A shows the first face including a display screen of the LCD part 202 of the input unit 116. The LCD part 202 is integrated with the instruction input unit 200. Fig. 3B schematically shows a cross section of the input unit 116 along Line A-A'. The input unit 116 includes the instruction input unit 200 having the LCD part 202 therein; switch pressing portions 210, switches 220 and a support 230. When the face including the display screen of the LCD part 202 is pressed, the instruction input unit 200 is displaced in a direction substantially perpendicular to the face on which the switches are positioned around the support 230 positioned in the vicinity of the center of gravity as a displacement center. Thus, the posture of the instruction input unit 200 is displaced in accordance with the pressing force and direction. The switch pressing portions 210 are provided in the vicinity of an outer periphery of the second face positioned on the back side of the first face including the display screen of the LCD part 202. The switch pressing portions 210 are displaced together with the instruction input unit 200 when the instruction input unit 200 is displaced, so that one of the switch pressing portion 210 presses the corresponding switch 220. The switch 220 works by being pressed by the switch pressing portion 210. The switch 220 may be implemented by a metal dome switch, for example. The

switches 220 are arranged to form at least one pair in such a manner that the switches 220 of each pair are opposed to each other with the support 230 sandwiched therebetween. Since Fig. 3A is a cross-sectional view, only two switches 220 (one pair) are shown. However, two or more switches 220 may be provided as shown in Figs. 5A, 5B, 5C and 5D. The support 230 is provided approximately at the center of gravity of the instruction input unit 200, serving as the displacement center of the instruction input unit 200. The support 230 includes a signal path (not shown) for transmitting signals for LCD part 202 therein. The instruction input unit 200 is supported by the body of the digital camera ~~10a~~10 via s-supporting face 240.

Please replace the last paragraph on page 34 continuing onto page 35 with the following amended paragraph:

The operating unit 110a of the present embodiment includes mechanisms and electric members required for the user to set or instruct the operation and the mode of the digital camera ~~10s~~10a to the digital camera ~~10s~~10a, as in Embodiment 1. The release switch 114 has a two-step structure allowing half-pressing and complete-pressing of it. For example, in the still-image capturing mode, when the release switch 114 is half-pressed, AF and AE are locked. Then, the release switch 114 is completely pressed, a shot image is taken into the digital camera 10a and is recorded in the main memory 68 and/or the optional device 76 after necessary signal processing and data compression are performed. On the other hand, in the video recording mode, AF and AE are locked when the release switch 114 is half-pressed. Then, when the release switch 114 is completely pressed, the video recording is started. The video recording may continue during a

period in which the release switch 114 is pressed, and stops when the release switch 114 is released. Alternatively, the video recording may continue even after the release switch 114 is released once, but stops when the release switch 114 is pressed again. The mode switch 122 is used for setting the operation mode of the digital camera 10a. A first input unit 300 includes a cross key and a liquid crystal display (LCD) part arranged to be wedged in the crossing of the cross key. The input unit 300 also has a function of a zooming switch. The zooming magnification can be set by pressing either of the upper and lower button portions of the cross key. A second input unit 400 includes a power switch 112 as an example of the first button and second buttons arranged in surroundings of the power switch 112. The power switch 112 turns on/off the digital camera 10a. The second buttons include a cancel button, an execution button, a display button, a shift button or the like. The operations or functions that can be set by the operating unit 110a include "file format", "special effect", "print", "determine/store", and "change display", for example.

Please replace the last paragraph on page 36 continuing onto page 37 with the following amended paragraph:

In the still-image playback mode, the main CPU 62 reads the last still image from the main memory 68 via the memory controller 64. The LCD monitor 102 displays the read still image. Moreover, the still image stored in the optional device 76 may be read via the optional device controller 74 to be displayed on the LCD monitor 102. In this operation mode, when the user instructs the digital camera ~~40~~10a via the input unit 300 to perform "NEXT" or "BACK"

operation, the next image or the image just before the currently played image is read out to be displayed by the LCD monitor 102.

Please replace the last paragraph on page 56 continuing onto page 57 with the following amended paragraph:

The operating unit 110b of the present embodiment includes mechanisms and electric members required for the user to set or instruct the operation and the mode of the digital camera 10b to the digital camera 10b, as in Embodiments 1 and 2. The release switch 114 has a two-step structure allowing half-pressing and complete-pressing of it. For example, in the still-image capturing mode, when the release switch 114 is half-pressed, AF and AE are locked. Then, the release switch 114 is completely pressed, a shot image is taken into the digital camera ~~10a~~10b and is recorded in the main memory 68 and/or the optional device 76 after necessary signal processing and data compression are performed. On the other hand, in the video recording mode, AF and AE are locked when the release switch 114 is half-pressed. Then, when the release switch 114 is completely pressed, the video recording is started. The video recording may continue during a period in which the release switch 114 is pressed and stop when the release switch 114 is released. Alternatively, the video recording may continue even after the release switch 114 is released once but stop when the release switch 114 is pressed again. The mode switch 122 is a rotary dial switch used for setting the operation mode of the digital camera ~~10a~~10b. The first input unit 300 includes a cross key and a liquid crystal display (LCD) part arranged to be wedged in the crossing of the cross key. The input unit 300 also has a function of

a zooming switch. The zooming magnification can be set by pressing either of the upper and lower portions of the cross key. The power switch 112 can turn on/off the digital camera 10b.

The operations or functions that can be set by the operating unit ~~110a~~ 110b include "file format", "special effect", "print", "determine/store", and "change display", for example.